



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 11th November 2020, 7pm, Remote meeting via Zoom

Present: Councillors June James (Chairman), Paul Gaskell, John Ashworth, , Pauline Hedges, Chris Alliston; Clerk Susan Turner.

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES – Apologies Nick Walker, PC Andy Reid, Gareth Wilson. Thanks to Paul Gaskell for hosting the meeting.

2 REPORT FROM PC REID *'I am on duty this evening and so unable to attend. I have provided an update since the last Parish Council meeting; likewise in response to one of the Councillor's request I have provided the breakdown for action taken by the Police.*

'The increase in incidents at Fosters Business Park accounted for the rise in crime. While we have arrested people for various crimes both from Fosters and elsewhere, we cannot always guarantee a successful outcome. The majority of crimes committed at Fosters were done away from the CCTV, those committing such crimes are very aware of CCTV, forensics etc. Add on the several other crimes where the aggrieved is "not wishing to pursue the case" or "evidential difficulties" all of which leads to a lack of sufficient evidence to prosecute, a weakening of the case and a reduced rate of successful prosecution in the courts; hence the Crown Prosecution Service to whom we have to refer most cases will not prosecute. We will do all we can, but can only work with what we have at the time or from subsequent enquiries.'

NOTED Much of the crime at the business park centred on an individual from London who had taken a unit. PC Reid had been aware and done everying possible to increase police presence at the yard. This man subsequently move out and the new gates have improved security.

Incidents reported in the Parish since the last meeting

- 11/09 Concern for welfare elderly residents – all in order
- 22/09 Domestic incident
- 23/09 Abandoned 999 call from Rowen Lodge
- 29/09 Abandoned 999 call from Water End Park
- 13/10 Alarm Hackwood Business Park – all in order
- 20/10 Abandoned 999 call from Newnham
- 28/10 Damage road traffic incident Newnham Lane / Crown Lane.

Reported crime in the Parish since last meeting

- Criminal damage – domestic related
- Criminal damage – padlock cropped Blackstocks Lane
- Non-dwelling Burglary – railway works compound, three men disturbed by security officer
- Criminal Damage – Gate and fields Manor Farm – deer found shot dead.

Reported crime in Newnham 2020

Non-dwelling burglaries	7 (3 at Fosters, 3 men arrested)		
Criminal Damage	9 (4 at Fosters)		
Vehicle-related crime	5 (2 at Fosters)		
Assaults	5 (3 at Fosters, 2 men arrested, 1 man arrested for assault on Police)		
Public Order	1 (1 man arrested)		
Offensive Weapon	1 (1 man arrested)		
Theft	1	<u>Total 29</u>	

Reported crime in Nately Scures 2020

Public Order	1	Theft	1
Non Dwelling Burglary	1	Vehicle Related Crime	1
Other Crime	1	Assaults	2
Criminal Damage	2		

Total 9 – Basingstoke Country Hotel – 5; Blackstocks Lane – 3; A30 – 1.

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3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 2nd September, agreed and to be signed.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda.

All Councillors deemed to have an interest in setting the Precept request re 5.4.
Dispensation granted via the Clerk as per s33(2) Localism Act 2011.

5 PLANNING

5.1 Parish Planning Applications – No new planning applications since last meeting.
Amended plans submitted for applications for Tithe Barn and Blackstocks Lane.
See **APPENDIX I** for all current applications relating to the Parish.

5.2 Local Plan Update – Responses submitted for:

i. Promoted sites – Nately Scures and Loddon Valley. **APPENDIX II**

ii. Issues & Options Consultation – posted on Parish Council website.

Consultation remains open for Parish Councils to 3rd December. To consider documents on 'Greenspace' and 'Site Assessment Methodology'.

NOTED i. No-one has come forward to take up the roles of CountryWatch and SOLVE.
ii. Old Basing reported 'quite poor' recent water quality results for the Loddon.
iii. Maria Miller (also County Cllr Elaine Still) has been actively engaged in measures to improve and monitor the Loddon water quality. Reports were circulated following the installation of the 'phosphate-capture' plant; none received recently.

5.3 Draft Vision Document for South West Basingstoke – document circulated.

NOTED Proposed Public Consultation from late November 2020 into January 2021.

The draft document considers:

- A new hospital and health campus;
 - Employment uses, including distribution and logistics; research and development associated with the health uses; a further education establishment;
 - Residential development and associated community infrastructure and services.
 - 'Mass Rapid Transit' (MRT) routes connecting the area to the town centre and bus and railway stations, plus a new Park and Ride;
 - Fast and direct routes for cyclists; improved local connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists
- ALSO
- New strategic gaps around villages;
 - Protecting the historic environment, eg conservation areas and scheduled monuments;
 - linked green corridors between key habitats, for natural environment and recreation
 - embedding principles related to tackling climate change within any proposals.

6 BARRACKS

6.1 Hedge planting Kingsbridge End / Barracks / Old School Road junction.

AGREED To remove old chain link fencing which is lying on the ground. To cut back existing shrubs and clear verge of debris and undergrowth. To be planted with mixed native bare-root hedging. Work and ongoing maintenance to be by Parish Lengthsman.

Landowner permission received. Kingsbridge End residents consulted with majority in favour. Hedging to arrive 17th November from 'The Conservation Volunteers' (TCV), with thanks to Mapledurwell & Up Nately Tree Warden John McLean, for sourcing.

6.2 Newnham Footpath 12 'Woodlands' have contacted Hampshire County Council Countryside Services re diverting F12 through the Common Land.

6.3 Wayleave request regarding Woodland's utility connection. Clerk to forward landowner contact details – Jersey-based land agent Lutea Trustees.

7 HIGHWAYS

7.1 Bus shelters Awaiting Lengthsman's report re required maintenance.

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7.2 Footpath reports

Newnham FP 12 as at 6.2 above.

Newnham FP 4 continues overgrown from Barracks to A30.

Newnham FP 7 Nately Sures from A30 via Manor Farm (Millers Ark) to Blackstocks Lane overgrown and impassible.

AGREED FP7 to be cleared. Footpaths in vicinity of Water End a valuable resource to Park residents.

7.2 Footbridge audit HCCCS is to conduct an audit of all 'footbridge' crossings - over streams / ditches etc to ensure fit for purpose.

8 NEWNHAM GREEN

8.1 Mowing

THANKS to Manor Farm for the Green mowing of early October. All Green including the 'wild' triangle by Pond. Also for hand raking and removing and piling grass for the pond triangle – plus the section by Church Path.

8.2 Wildlife Trust report APPENDIX III

8.3 Wildflower planting and funding Seeking grant funding.

8.4 Newnham Green Pond

THANKS to the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Amphibian & Reptile Group (HIWARG). HIWARG volunteers spent the last Sunday of summer (20th September) working at the pond. A 'rule of six', socially distanced work party. While the pond was dry, and working under licence due to the Great Crested Newts, they cleared 35 black bin liners of the invasive *Crassula Helmsii* (New Zealand Pygmyweed). If left unchecked the *Crassula* will cover the pond in a thick blanket. The substrate of the pond being quite stony, they were able to roll sections back like carpet – avoiding broken fragments as much as possible.

The volunteers also cleared most of the remaining willow debris, removing it to the 'compost' pile in the far corner of the Green.

NOTED Peter Gillatt from HIWARG reported that: 'We stopped off at the Old House at Home for a quick drink afterwards, and they served the drinks to us free of charge as a thank you. It was such a kind gesture.'

Pete West recently noted the *Crassula* growing back since the wet weather. The pond is now filled with water. Ongoing *Crassula* management to be reassessed in the Spring.

THANKS to BDBC for collecting the black bags for incineration.

8.5 Nately Sures Pond? If seeking to maximise potential wildlife habitat, Nately Sures should have a pond? To consider possible locations?

9 NEWNHAM LITTERPICK

THANKS to Alan Richmond for organising. Originally scheduled for Saturday 14th November. Due to the new Covid restrictions families going ahead doing their own litter picks – separately over a couple of weekends.

The Parish Council has provided 15 new high-viz jackets and 12 'pickers' – to add to a collection of older sticks handed on by John Broughton.

Thanks also to BDBC who will collect the litter bags w/c 16th November.

10 FINANCE

10.1 Payments

Cheques signed between meetings

(16) Roy Wood	Moles Aug / Sept	780	£100.00
(17) PGGM	Disposal of Crassula waste from pond	781	£139.50
(LM) PGGM	LM cheque 6 months x £200 underpayment	780	£1,200.00

For signature

Regular payments since last meeting

(18) Clerk	Salary Sept 2020	SO	£309.25 (old rate)
(LM) PGGM	PGGM LM Sept 2020	SO	£1,300.00 (old rate)
(19) Clerk	Salary Oct 2020	SO	£309.25 (old rate)
(LM) PGGM	PGGM LM Oct 2020	SO	£1,300.00 (old rate)

Payments for approval

(20) ST for AB tools (extra reflectors traffic calming posts)	£85.00
(21) ST for HIWWT donation (Green wildlife plan)	£100.00
(22) ST for Amacoam (hi viz jackets 3 x 5 pack)	£35.97
(23) ST for Helping Hands (litter pickers x 12)	£214.66
(24) Peter Brown for internal audit	£50.00
(25) External audit – (pending invoice)	£200.00

10.2 Accounts to date 2020/21 APPENDIX IV. Latest estimate shows surplus of c£1K to contribute towards building reserves, c£6.5K to be taken over to next year.

10.3 Budget Draft budget circulated. **APPENDIX V**

NOTED That Parish Council historically underfunded. A 10% percentage increase amounts to a few pounds per household. The Parish Council is working to make a positive difference.

AGREED Precept request for 2021/22 of £11,929.00.

Cost per household (for 2020 tax base of 256.1)

2020/21. $£10,845 / 256.1 = £42.35$ per annum per band D household.

2021/22 $£11,929 / 256.1 = £46.58$ per annum per band D household.

Bearing in mind for a band H it will be double this and for a band A will be halved.

Precept request to be submitted for 31st January.

11 WATER END & Y-KNOT

11.1 Y-Knot The pub owners have potential tenants in mind to reopen as an up-to-date pub / restaurant with flexible opening hours to make the most of their roadside location.

11.2 Highways are presently working to put in a high kerb to direct road surface water away from the pub and the Park to an end drain behind the bus shelter. There is already a sump which has been excavated and the pipe refitted lower in the sump. Concern raised re directing surface run-off directly to the Lyde. Filtrations via ditches and soakaways ideally needed but not always possible. The sump will help but in heavy rain unavoidable there will be large discharge to the Lyde.

11.3 Priory Farm Park residents in August and September reported smoke pollution from almost constant fires at Priory Farm. The owner has been reminded by BDBC Environmental Health that his licence only covers burning waste generated on the farm, not brought in by the lorries constantly travelling through Greywell to Priory Farm. With thanks to Environmental Health only one fire has been reported in the last seven weeks.

12 FURTHER REPORTS

12.1 Clubroom

i Solar Case Study of the solar installation submitted to Lucy Martins, BDBC Climate Change Officer. **APPENDIX VI.**

ii Covid The Clubroom re-opened successfully for classes over the summer (25th July onwards) according to Covid restrictions / guidance. Now closed again and empty with latest lockdown, hopefully to re-open in December.

iii Treasurer The Clubroom continues to seek a new Treasurer.

12.2 The Villager continues to be circulated via email with printed copies to Water End Park.

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12.3 Church Christmas cards The Church is committed to sending a Christmas card to every household this year. They hope to send out with parish magazines where possible – and this would include with the December *Villager* to Water End Park.

Where the *Villager* would be emailed, the Church will organise for Christmas card delivery and so hopefully also be able to deliver a printed *Villager*.

12.4 Greywell Parish Council has advised the Editor that they intend to withdraw from the *Villager* from the start of the next financial year.

Greywell Parish Council draft minutes of 12th October 2020 say that: 'Over the past five years the Parish Council have contributed just over £1,578 to the *Villager*. In recent years coverage of the Greywell Parish has reduced significantly. It was discussed and agreed that with the village circulation email and new village website, information relating to the Parish can be publicised using different methods which will not use the very limited Parish Council budget. In view of this it was agreed the Parish Council will not contribute to the *Villager* for 2021-2022. The Parish Clerk will inform the Editor accordingly.'

12.5 White Paper Parish Council response submitted

12.6 BDBC Climate Strategy Consultation is open until 15th November. Word document supplied by BDBC circulated. (This consultation relatively short.)

It was noted that Councils have a role in informing, administering, promoting, joining up strategy and innovation, rather than themselves supplying technical expertise.

NOTED Problems with the online system not registering responses.

12.7 BDBC Budget consultation for 2021/22 open until 3rd January.

12.8 'Mapledurwell treasure' is the subject of Basingstoke Archaeological And Historical Society lecture of 10th December: '*The Mapledurwell Treasure: its place amongst coin hoards of the English Civil War.*'

ACTION Clerk to circulate details to Mapledurwell & Up Nately and include in the *Villager*.

12.9 Old House at Home Reported that the pub feel they are better prepared for this lockdown. It's not good news but will be able to cope with a short closure.

13 NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesdays 6 Jan, 3 Mar, 5 May (AGM) 7 July, 1 Sept, 3 Nov

Meeting closed 9pm with thanks to all present

For signature Date

APPENDIX I: PLANNING UPDATE

TCA Emergency five-day notice (28th September) to fell Oak at Plum Tree Cottage, Newnham Road. Oak diseased and posing imminent danger. (No consultation)

T/00500/20/TPO (Validated 23 Sept) 3 Kingsbridge Copse. 2 Oak and 1 Ash tree: prune.

T/00403/20/TCA (Approved 30 Sept) Land At Os Ref 470609 154268 Tylney Lane. Oak (T1) - Reduce by outer canopy 25% (2.5-3m) to limit impact of trees on neighbouring property and reduce weight on certain over extended lateral limbs. Oak (T2) - Reduce by outer canopy 25% (2.5-3m) to limit impact of trees on neighbouring property and reduce weight on certain over extended lateral limbs.

T/00364/20/TCA (Approved 11 Sept) Wildmoor, Newnham Road. T1 Birch: Fell to ground level. T2 Honey Locus: Fell to ground level (dead). T3/ T4/T5/T6 Hawthorn: Fell to ground level T7/T8/T9: Sycamore: Fell to ground level T10/T11 Pear: Fell to ground level T12/T13 Sycamore: Fell to ground level T14 Chestnut: Fell to ground level.

T/00274/20/TCA (Approved 11 Sept) The Pink House, Newnham Lane. T5: remove. T6 Beech: crown reduce. T8 Sliver birch: reduce height. T11 Black alder: reduce height. T13/T14/T21.

20/01974/FUL (Validated 24 Jul) Chapel House Newnham Road Newnham RG27 9AE Change of use of agricultural access to residential curtilage. Erection of 1.0 metre high brick wall to frontage to replace metal railings. Renovation and alterations to chapel building. *Parish Council response: No objection. The agricultural right of access over the land is noted, the Parish Council requests no permitted development rights. Also to ensure any alterations respect the original fabric and character of the chapel building.* Conservation Officer has raised concerns regarding the Chapel. More info requested.

20/01903/RET (Granted 30th Sept) Highview Business Park, The Barracks. Change of use of land from woodland to C3 residential and amenity land enclosed by the relocation of the western boundary fence.

20/01798/FUL (Validated 20 Jul) Land Adjacent To Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane, Newnham. Erection of a dwellinghouse partly on the site of a tennis court; formation of access driveway following demolition of car port attached to stables at Tithe Barn Cottage. *Parish Council response: 'No objection. Concern expressed re setting of grade II listed Tithe Barn and to avoid any negative impact on the rural setting of Newnham FP3.' If considered for approval, the Parish Council requests additional tree and native planting and commitment to meaningful gain for biodiversity.'* Amendment (8th October) An amendment has been made to the above application which consists of the following: 1) Addition of detached garage within the proposal. *Following Conservation and Landscape concern the separately sited garage has been attached to the main dwelling.*

20/01666/FUL (Validated 25 June) Land At Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Erection of 1 no. new dwelling and detached garage. (23 October) An amendment has been made to the above application which consists of the following: 1) Amended plans allowing for 20% buffer to the ancient woodland. Additional response submitted 6th Nov - *Parish Council response: 'Regarding the amended plans Newnham Parish Council objects on ground loss of amenity and overbearing impact on neighbour. Also overdevelopment for the area taking into account 20/01597/FUL. The two applications should be considered together. Should development be considered on this site, the Parish Council requests a much smaller dwelling, on a scale with the Cottage. The Parish Council confirms its previous concerns regarding impact on important wildlife habitat and corridors, and on the nature of the rural area and landscape.'*

20/01597/FUL (Validated 24 Jun) Land At Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. Erection of 2 no. dwellings and associated parking. An amendment (23 October) has been made to the above application which consists of the following: 1) Amended plans allowing for 20% buffer to the ancient woodland. Additional response submitted 6th Nov - *'The Parish Council confirms its previous concerns regarding impact on important wildlife habitat and corridors, and on the nature of the rural area and landscape.'*

19/03224/LDEU (Pending 29 Nov 2019) Manor Farm, Crown Lane. Certificate of lawfulness for the continued siting of a caravan used as a farm workers dwelling.

16/03282/RET (Pending 15 Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane, Nately Scures. 'Change of use from solely agricultural to mixed agricultural use to include the diversification of farm open days for no more than 100 days in a year with ancillary tea room and associated car parking.' Consultation on new description only. This application will be decided by Development Control Committee, date tba.

APPENDIX II.I: LOCAL PLAN UPDATE – ISSUES & OPTIONS CONSULTATION

NEWNHAM PARISH – NATELY SCURES PROMOTED SITES

NEW002 – The Old Rectory 1.4ha, 35 dwellings

NEW003 – Land off Blackstocks Lane 1ha, 9 dwellings

Comment relating to NEW002 and NEW003

Promoted sites NEW002 and NEW003, according to Adopted Local Plan policy, are in the Open Countryside where Policy SS1 sets out the intention to 'maintain the existing open nature of the borough's countryside... and resist the encroachment of development into rural areas'.

Housing development in Blackstocks Lane represents an intrusion into the countryside. Developing either promoted site would fundamentally alter the present setting and detract from the rural sense of place. This impact would extend to Newnham public bridleway 8 and FP 9 which run to the west and north of NEW002. Impact on the historical environment, ie the rural setting of the Grade II listed Manor Farm, Manor Farm Barn, and Grade I listed St Swithun's church should also be considered.

Both sites are adjacent to ancient woodland, Hang Wood and Mill Wood respectively. There is no compelling requirement to site new housing development in this location which could justify the harm caused by permanent domestic impact on an irreplaceable habitat – eg noise disturbance, light pollution, pollution from vehicles and garden equipment, physical intrusion from humans, and from domestic dogs and cats in particular – which degrade habitat and are a threat to wildlife.

The promoted sites are situated between higher land to the south built up to carry the M3, and in the north to carry the A30. A clearly marked watercourse flows to the north of NEW003 and then through the A30 culvert. The River Lyde flows to the west and is also culverted under the A30. This area of Blackstocks Lane has a history of regular flooding after heavy rain, exacerbated by any blockage at the culvert.

Consider the location of both sites between Hang Wood Ancient Woodland SINC immediately to the east and then Mill Wood Ancient Woodland – in part SINC – to the west, with the Lyde, a chalk stream, immediately beyond – and agricultural land with a network of mature hedged boundaries and trees between. A more efficient use of this land is as a buffer for the ancient woodland, in sustaining irreplaceable habitat and wildlife corridors, and in flood mitigation.

APPENDIX II.II: LOCAL PLAN UPDATE – ISSUES & OPTIONS CONSULTATION**OLD BASING PARISH – PROMOTED SITES IN THE LODDON VALLEY**

OLD002 - Lodge Farm 74.1ha, 900 dwellings

OLD003 - Poors Farm 253.4ha, 3,400 dwellings

OLD005 - Land South of Newnham Lane 42.1ha, 1,132 dwellings

OLD006 - Land North of London Road 25.2ha, 732 dwellings

OLD007 - Land at Hodds Farm 69.8ha, 900 dwellings

OLD008 - Riverside View 1.0ha, 17 dwellings

OLD011 - Land north side Tunworth Rd 22.1ha, 7247 sqm employment floorspace

OLD012 - Paddock Land at Lower Mill 2.2ha, 3 dwellings

Comment relating to OLD002, OLD003, OLD005, OLD006, OLD007, OLD008, OLD011, OLD012

The rivers Loddon and Lyde are chalk streams – internationally rare, valuable and fragile habitats, home to a diversity of wildlife and priority species. Consider please that the majority of chalk streams globally exist in Hampshire. The Loddon Valley environment is the heart of wildlife corridors between the river ecosystems, fields and hedgerows, and pockets of ancient woodland, providing a rich and diverse habitat adjacent to Basingstoke Town. There are amazing opportunities to protect and enhance this environment to help halt the generally rapid decline in wildlife habitat and biodiversity - and potential to provide social amenity, well being and education benefits in so doing.

This accords with addressing the Key Issue identified in the LPU under the Climate Change heading, to '1.4 Mitigate & adapt to the impacts of climate change on flooding, water resources, air, water and soil pollution, temperature changes and biodiversity, managing and improving our natural environment.' Protecting and enhancing the Loddon Valley as a chalk stream and wetland habitat contributes to addressing all the issues identified here.

Considering flood risk, developing a river valley is a very high risk strategy given the increasing incidents of heavy and prolonged rainfall.

Housing development in the Loddon Valle is contrary to the NPPF's guidance '11. Making effective use of land (b) recognise that some undeveloped land can perform many functions, such as for wildlife, recreation, flood risk mitigation, cooling/shading, carbon storage or food production.'

To note that the Inspector for the currently Adopted Local Plan in his final Report (2016) commented on avoiding 'unacceptable environmental impacts, for example on the quality of the landscape and Chalk Rivers' (para 64) and that... (para 128) 'the Loddon Valley forms an effective barrier to further significant growth of the town to the east...'

Specifically... (para 191) re Lodge Farm and Poors Farm... 'the EA has objected on the grounds of flood risk and impact on the River Loddon and associated wetlands on biodiversity grounds.' (Para 192) 'The site at Hodds Farm also has sensitive landscape and biodiversity issues.'

The Parish Council fully supports the pledge of the Environment Bill to 'put the Environment at the centre of policy making'... Also the principles outlined by the Wildlife Trust and its call for 'Re-wilding the Planning System'; and those of the Defra & Natural England policy paper, the Nature Recovery Network (NRN).

Protecting and valuing the Loddon & Lyde chalk stream environment and habitats has the potential to meet all the NRN aspirations:

'Enhance sites designated for nature conservation and other wildlife-rich places - newly created and restored wildlife-rich habitats, corridors and stepping stones will help wildlife populations to grow and move

'improve the landscape's resilience to climate change, providing natural solutions to reduce carbon and manage flood risk, and sustaining vital ecosystems such as improved soil, clean water and clean air

'reinforce the natural and cultural diversity of our landscapes, and protect our historic natural environment

'enable us to enjoy and connect with nature where we live, work and play - benefiting our health and wellbeing.'

Considering all greenfield allocations – 'providing the right housing' should be focused on alternatives to Greenfield sites. How to redevelop brownfield areas for people and wildlife and how to avoid taking Greenfield land.

APPENDIX III.I: HIWWT REPORT FOR NEWNHAM GREEN

29 September 2020

Thank you for inviting me to visit Newnham Village Green SINC. I am writing to summarise the ideas we discussed at our meeting on the 15th September, which I hope will help with your management of the site.

GRASSLAND AREAS

The area next to the pond is to be maintained and managed as a wildflower meadow. It is recommended that this is cut twice a year, early spring (April) and late summer (end of September) to allow the flowers to set seed, but no shorter than 5cm. A mown path cuts across the area and it is recommended that this is kept each year, in order to allow access, add visual appeal and minimize disturbance to wildlife.

The remainder of the grassland sections have amenity use and are cut more frequently, however it is recommended that "buffer strips" be left along a selection of the edges adjacent to the drainage ditch banks. This will create a gradation of habitats known as an "ecotone". The buffers could also be cut twice a year to prevent obscuring vehicle site lines (early spring April and late summer end of Sept).

Arisings should be removed and composted off site if possible, alternatively piling in a sacrificial area would be ok and also create additional habitat for reptiles.

DRAINAGE BANKS

The drainage banks could be enhanced with wildflower planting. A seed mix has already been sown but these have mostly been being outcompeted by existing more dominant species. Sowing seed is the most cost-effective way to create a wildflower area but due to the presence and composition of the existing sward, which contains dominant grasses and herbaceous plants, some preparation of the soil would be needed to enable the wild flower mix to establish. This would mean removing the existing plants to expose the soil. Therefore, if funding could be sought, introducing some plug plants of broadleaved perennial wildlife flower species may be more effective and would avoid removal of the existing biomass. If planted at a high density they would have more chance at establishment e.g. cowslips would be good plant to try and establish this way. The drainage banks could be cut twice a year to prevent obscuring vehicle sight lines (early spring April, and late summer end of Sept).

Suitable perennial species for a clay cap over chalk include:

Agrimony - *Agrimonia eupatoria*
 Betony - *Stachy officinalis*
 Birds Foot Trefoil - *Lotus corniculatus*
 Black Knapweed *Centaurea nigra*
 Cats Ear - *Hypochaeris radicata*
 Cowslip - *Primula veris*
 Field Scabious - *Knautia arvensis*
 Germander Speedwell - *Veronica chamaedrys*
 Greater Knapweed - *Centaurea scabiosa*
 Kidney Vetch - *Anthyllis vulneraria*
 Lady's Bedstraw - *Galium verum**
 Meadow Buttercup - *Ranunculus acris*
 Ox-eye Daisy - *Leucanthemum vulgare*
 Rough Hawkbit - *Leontodon hispidus*
 Sainfoin - *Onobrychis viciifolia*
 Selfheal - *Prunella vulgaris*
 Small Scabious - *Scabiosa columbaria*
 Tufted Vetch - *Vicia cracca*
 Vipers Bugloss - *Echium vulgare*
 Wild Majoram - *Origanum vulgare*
 Yarrow - *Achillea millefolium*
 Meadow Vetchling - *Lathyrus pratensis*
 Yellow Rattle - *Rhianthus minor*

Together with fine grasses such as:
 Red fescue*
 Sheeps fescue
 Crested dogs tail *
 Smooth meadow grass
 Sweet vernal grass*
 Common bent*



APPENDIX III.I: HIWWT REPORT FOR NEWNHAM GREEN.

"PARKLAND" AREAS

The areas of the green with grassland and mature trees could be enhanced with some native spring bulb planting for example bluebell and wild daffodil. These will thrive best in glades and edges with available light.

POND

The pond requires some habitat management. A fallen and cut down willow remains in sections in the pond. This needs to be removed to avoid nutrient and detritus build up. The bull rush Typha, sedge and other rushes in the pond are quite dominant and could be partially cut back. The vegetation around the pond bank should be left as a buffer but could be reduced in November to prevent scrub build up and encroachment that would lead to drying up of the pond. However, two issues prevent straight-forward management of the pond. First, is the presence of a protected species, great crested-newt (GCN) and second is the presence of a non-native invasive plant species, New Zealand pygmy weed *Crassula helmsii*.

In the case of GCN, habitat management works need to take place outside of the GCN aquatic phase to avoid harm or disturbance. The standard advice is for works to take place between November and late January, however the pond fills up during this time making vegetation removal more difficult. If works are carried out in September, when it is more practical, they would need to be carried out under a GCN licence by an experienced person.

In the case of crassula, as the whole pond is now covered, and it is likely to be impacting habitat quality. GCN require areas of open water to perform courtship displays. Small amounts of crassula could be removed annually as is currently planned, to benefit the GCN but the waste vegetation would need to be either buried on site, which is not ideal as the village green is a SINC, or removed by a licenced contractor to a waste incinerator plant. The cuttings from any typha and the dead willow could be composted as close to the pond as possible in a sacrificial area, in case they contain fragments of crassula. However, if this was removed at the same time as the crassula all of this could be taken away for incineration.

A longer-term plan for crassula control would be to spray the crassula with a herbicide in late summer (Sept) before the pond fills with water. Spraying crassula when it is not submerged is most effective. However, this would still leave the dead crassula in the pond and it would need to be removed to avoid nutrient build-up in the pond (in the same controlled way). It may be worth considering burial on site, if a low biodiversity area within the SINC could be identified and the temporary visual disruption was acceptable to the parish. A permit would be needed for the waste burial. The works would also need to be carried out under a conservation licence as there is potential to harm GCN, as the spraying would need to be carried out before November.

In order to obtain the conservation licence, the population of GCN would need to be established by carrying out six surveys in the spring. A survey of the pond for other wildlife would also need to be carried out. This information could then be used to produce a method statement with a plan for suitable avoidance/mitigation measures for the GCN population. Herbicides have been found to cause harm to GCN and other non-target species, therefore a decision would need to be made based on the current wildlife present and the impact of spraying vs the longer-term gains to the wildlife in the pond, if the crassula is to be effectively controlled. GCN would need to be surveyed again post works to check the mitigation measures have been successful. An estimate of costs for this work including surveys, method statement production, and a contractor would be in the region of £5000.

Timeline:

Spring: GCN population surveys

Summer: Wildlife survey of pond and SINC habitat to identify possible burial area

Summer: Method statement and licence application

Autumn: Carry out spraying and habitat management works, vegetation burial/waste removal

Planting up of the pond with some more native species could also enhance the diversity of the pond, for example introducing marsh marigold, purple loosestrife and more yellow flag iris would be beneficial to insects and aquatic invertebrates, as well as provide more structure to attract damselflies and dragonflies.

Deborah Whitfield, Ecology Manager

All advice given by HIWWT is done so in good faith and every effort is made to ensure that it is accurate and appropriate however it is the sole responsibility of the landowner/recipient of advice to ensure that any actions they take are both legally and contractually compliant. Therefore, HIWWT does not accept responsibility or liability for any losses incurred or arising from the advice we give.

APPENDIX IV ACCOUNTS TO DATE

NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL - EXPENDITURE 2020/21 - 10 NOV															
Date	Supplier	Description	Cheque No	Fin / Admin	Salary	Expenses	Training	Villager	GREEN	Maintenance	Community	Projects	VAT	Total	
28/04/20	Clerk	Salary April 2020	SO		£309.25									£309.25	
28/05/20	Clerk	Salary May 2020	SO		£309.25									£309.25	
28/05/20	The Villager	Villager 2019-20	769					£659.50						£659.50	
28/05/20	Assert Property Serv	Bus shelter - new shingles	770							£70.00			£14.00	£84.00	
28/05/20	St for HALC/NACL	HALC (incl NALC) subs	771	£272.03										£272.03	
28/05/20	Roy Wood	Moles Dec2019-May2020	772						£300.00					£300.00	
28/05/20	PGGM	Green May & June cuts	774	CANCELLED											
28/05/20	ST forBHIM	Insurance plus P Online	775	£375.86										£375.86	
03/06/20	PGGM	Green May cut	776						£130.00				£26.00	£156.00	
08/06/20	C Herdman	SSEN grant for PPE	777								£2,000.00			£2,000.00	
28/06/20	Clerk	Salary June 2020	SO		£309.25									£309.25	
07/07/20	PGGM	July cut - dispose green waste	778						£117.08				£23.42	£140.50	
07/07/20	Roy Wood	Moles June-July2020	779						£100.00					£100.00	
28/07/20	Clerk	Salary July 2020	SO		£309.25									£309.25	
28/08/20	Clerk	Salary August 2020	SO		£309.25									£309.25	
01/09/20	Roy Wood	Moles Aug-Sept2020	779						£100.00					£100.00	
21/09/20	PGGM	Disposal waste Green	781						£116.25				£23.25	£139.50	
28/08/20	Clerk	Salary Sept 2020	SO		£309.25									£309.25	
28/08/20	Clerk	Salary October2020	SO		£309.25									£309.25	
	ST FOR HWT	Green wildlife plan							£100.00					£100.00	
	ST for Amacoam	Hi viz jackets 3x5									£29.97		£6.00	£35.97	
	ST for Helping hands	Litter pickers x 12									£178.88		£35.78	£214.66	
Totals:					£647.89	£2,164.75	£0.00	£0.00	£659.50	£963.33	£70.00	£2,208.85	£0.00	£128.45	£6,842.77

NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL INCOME 2020/21 - 10 NOV

Date	Item	Paid by	Precept	Other grants	Covid grant	VAT	Interest	Total Receipts
Balance brought forward 1st April 2020								£5,779.37
24/04/20	LM contribution to VAT	BACS		£200.00				£200.00
27/04/20	Parish Precept 6 months	BACS	£5,422.50					£5,422.50
27/04/20	Grass Cutting Grant	BACS		£342.00				£342.00
03/06/29	SSEN				£2,000.00			£2,000.00
14/09/20	Parish Precept 6 months	BACS	£5,422.50					£5,422.50
12/10/20	Transfer			£500.00				£500.00
2020/21							£2.94	£2.94
Total			£10,845.00	£1,042.00	£2,000.00		£2.94	£13,889.94
				Interest	April	0.12		
					May	0.51		
					Jun	0.71		
					Jul	0.82		
					Aug	0.58		
					Sept	0.08		
					Oct	£0.12		
					Nov			
					Dec			
					Jan			
					Feb			
					Mar			
							£2.94	

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY			
Bal brought forward 1st April 2018		£5,779.37	
Plus income		£13,889.94	
Minus expenditure		£6,842.77	
Minus transfer		£500.00	
Balance		£12,326.54	

BANK RECONCILIATION			
bus instant access		£15,309.42	
Treasurers		£2,651.75	
minus LM funding remaining		£6,450.00	
plus LM VAT 2020		£1,750.00	
Minus transfer		£500.00	
minus cheques not cleared		£434.63	
Balance		£12,326.54	

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£ 2,651.75

Current balance

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PARISH COUNCIL OF NEWNHAM

£ 15,309.42

Balance

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APPENDIX V LATEST ESTIMATE AND DRAFT BUDGET

NEWNHAM YEAR END FIGURES AND BUDGET

Item	19/20 Year End	20/21 TO DATE	20/21 budget Jan2020	20/21 budget revised Nov20	21/22 budget DRAFT Nov20
Precept	£9,862.00	£10,845.00	£10,845.00	£10,845.00	£11,929.00
General Grant					
GrassCuttingGrant	£339.00	£342.00	£342.00	£342.00	£345.00
Elaine Grant	£500.00		£1,000.00		£1,000.00
SSEN grant		£2,000.00		£2,000.00	
Insurance claim	£3,500.00				
Interest	£2.36	£2.94	£2.00	£3.00	£1.00
Returned funds	£331.00				
From LM scheme	£200.04	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00
VAT reclaim	£925.41		£1,000.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
Total Income	£15,659.81	£13,389.94	£13,389.00	£13,890.00	£14,475.00
Expenses	£216.00	£0.00	£400.00	£216.00	£400.00
Finance / Admin	£1,269.18	£647.89	£1,200.00	£900.00	£1,000.00
Training	£160.00	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00	£200.00
Salary	£3,711.00	£2,164.75	£4,320.00	£4,320.00	£4,320.00
Maintenance	£242.04	£70.00	£500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
Clubroom					
Community/donations		£2,208.85		£2,208.85	£500.00
PROJECTS'			£2,000.00		
Project-A30 gate/w					£4,000.00
Project-Barracks-hedge				£500.00	
Project - Green				£1,000.00	
Project - NRsignage			£1,000.00	£900.00	
Project - bus shelter	£3,000.00				
Project - planters	£904.00				
Green	£874.99	£963.33	£1,300.00	£1,300.00	£1,300.00
Villager	£626.78	£659.50	£659.50	£659.50	£500.00
VAT	£954.41	£128.45	£1,000.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
LM hours over 16/17					
Total Expenditure	£11,958.40	£6,842.77	£12,579.50	£13,204.35	£14,220.00
SURPLUS/DEFECIT	£3,701.41	£6,547.17	£809.50	£685.65	£255.00
BALANCE TO T/O	£5,779.37	£12,326.54	£6,588.87	£6,465.02	£6,720.02

Cost per household (for 2020 tax base of 256.1)

£10,845 / 256.1 = £42.35 per annum per band D household.

£11,929 / 256.1 = £46.58 per annum per band D household.

10% increase

APPENDIX VI CLUBROOM CLIMATE CHANGE CASE STUDY

NEWNHAM CLUBROOM USES SOLAR ENERGY

Newnham Clubroom initially looked at Solar Panels in July 2019 when a previous Government [green] grant was rumoured. As it transpired it didn't materialise, at least not for us. However the Clubroom's long term infrastructure funding plans, as well as providing for the cost of an additional large storage area was able to potentially also provide for a 'solar' installation.



An outline proposal was put to the Clubroom committee on the basis that the Clubroom's healthy finances could cover the vast majority of the cost of 'solar'. Agreement in principal was given and a feasibility study undertaken. I engaged with a company called 'Forever Green Energy' to discuss what was possible and what, for a village hall our size, would be required. After many discussions we were provided with a quote for the work [products, installation of panels and battery] and a 10 year warranty] all inclusive of VAT for, £10,100. Our then current funds were able to cover the whole cost of this project.

Ours is not a large hall so the electricity costs are not huge; heating, lighting and kitchen appliances. The annual cost is circa £600 so at a summary level, taking into account that obvious annual cost saving, net standing charges which still apply, netted off against what we will get paid for electricity we put back on the grid the 'pay back' period is about 12 years. However as we have used Clubroom funds to pay the cost, there is no debt to 'pay off'. This final proposal was put to the committee and agreement was reached that we should proceed with the install. Throughout this process we have liaised with the Parish Council.

Early in September we successfully had the solar energy system [panels and battery] installed and implemented in the Clubroom. The actual implementation work only took one day and has been working since 8th September. At the moment we are looking to change electricity supplier [we have to remain connected to the grid] to obtain a better price per unit for the spare electricity we generate and then sell back to the grid.

The system is 4.90 Kw Solar PV SolaX Hybrid 3.7T pInverter/Charger. The 14 panels are Longi 350M. As you can see below the footprint for the system is relatively minor and has been fitted beneath the existing electricity inlet and meter unit.

Contact details [bearing in mind I am not a technical expert] for questions and a guided tour if required are:

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